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RECOMMEND NAME FOR NEW ARENA

The Metropolitan Arena has been recommended as the official name of the new horsemen's arena in Joaquin Miller park.

This information was disclosed following a meeting of the recently appointed advisory committee from the M.H.A. working in conjunction with the park board. Members of the committee include the president of the association and past presidents, G. Howard Robinson, Fred E. Anderson, Harold D. Knudsen, Fred Colbourn, Jr. The group, with Jim Myers, secretary of the committee, met with city officials at a meeting November 15 at the Athens club.

According to William Penn Mott, superintendent of the park department, he will recommend to the city that the new arena be officially designated the Metropolitan Arena or the Metropolitan Oakland Arena.

President to Negotiate

Three major topics of interest received attention. In addition to the naming of the arena it was decided that some person should be appointed with authority to receive complaints and suggestions concerning the arena, inasmuch as Mr. Mott definitely stated that the Metropolitan Horsemen's association was regarded as the organization to advise on the proper conduct of the arena as far as future plans are concerned. He requested that the president appoint one person who would be responsible to negotiate with the city and the public. It was agreed that the current president of the association should always serve in this capacity.

Draft Master Plan

The third question concerned a master plan to be drafted for the immediate future of the development of the arena. Mr. Mott inquired as to the type and size of the ring required; how it would be finished, whether or not a Bermuda grass turf would be best suited from the standpoint of dust and dirt when you have tanbark or sawdust, and the feasibility of having jumpers utilize the turf. It was suggested that the ring could be surrounded by a 30-foot, or larger track, and the track covered with sand.

The president appointed a committee of three to inquire into the best methods of developing the ring, with the request that the group go into immediate action and have a report ready to present to the park board within the next two weeks.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

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A Message from the President

Borrowing a well-known phrase, time marches on! They tell us that all things, whether they be good or bad, must end but it is with a feeling of regret that I realize that this might be termed a farewell message. However, I prefer to call it a report of the year's activities, and a rousing send-off for a new administration.

To me, personally, it has been a grand year and I have enjoyed every minute of it. Perhaps more than anything else I prize the friendships that I have made, and the pleasure that I have derived from being the president of such a wonderful association.

While space does not permit the publication of detailed reports from the various chairmen, I would like to highlight a few of our accomplishments, for each and every member of your board deserves commendation for the work that they have done.

Rank First In State

The Metropolitan Horsemen's association now ranks as the largest of its kind in the entire state of California, and I can safely say in the entire country. Much of the credit for this must go to Heber Brown, membership chairman, and his committee. On November 6, the membership of the association numbered 874. This included 819 paid-up members. In addition there are two honorary members, four complimentary members and 21 members among the Oakland board of supervisors, the city councilmen, and the park department. We have 28 exchange members among the various publications and clubs in Region 5, a total of 55. Your membership in recent years included 675, in 1947; 658, in 1946, and 786 in 1945.

The fact that M.H.A. is now recognized as the official horse association in the East Bay can be credited to Jim Myers, public relations chairman, who has worked tirelessly with the city officials in formulating plans for the future of the horsemen in this locality. The year brought to fruition the beginning of the horse arena in Joaquin Miller park where the M.H.A. horse show was held in June.

Trail Improvements

A. B. Graham, trails chairman, reports that 15 miles have been cleared during the year, improvements having been made in Redwood Canyon, as well as on many other trails. An active committee has also been working on the trails connecting the state trails and report considerable progress. Details are being withheld until the rights of way have been completed through adjoining counties. The committee includes Fred E. Anderson, Archie Brown, Bill Noyer, Jack Richards, Cy Simons and C. J. Clark.

This was the first year for the M.H.A. juniors and we expect big things from them

in the future. I understand they are forming a drill team and in the course of time will be as well known as many other junior groups in the state. Chris Hansen has served as junior chairman and has done mighty fine work.

Abuse Curtailed

We are indebted to John Corvi, chairman of the humane committee, who has worked with the local chapter of the S.P.C.A. in such an excellent manner that animal abuse has been held to a minimum. The barns with the rent strings have co-operated wholeheartedly and the M.H.A. pays a special police officer to patrol the area each Sunday to see that the animals are not abused. We feel there has been a tremendous improvement in this during the past year.

Don Schwimley, who has also served as advertising manager of the Trail Blazer did a bang-up job with the Wild West Show this past summer and worked in conjunction with the Aahmes Shrine Rangers in putting on a very successful show and one that promises to be one of the most popular activities in this area in years to come.

Profit From Show

Under the excellent guidance of Don Marquis, who served as horseshow chairman, this year's show ended up with a profit in spite of the two setbacks in 1947. The treasurer's report shows receipts of \$4,937.70, and expenditures of \$4,370.28, leaving a net profit on the 1948 show of \$567.42, which with the carry over of funds on hand for 1947 of \$854.89 makes a total profit of \$1,435.12. The Saturday performance this year, an all-junior show, was host to a group of about 750 underprivileged children. Had it not been for lack of ample transportation we could have had 2500 youngsters there. I hope this gesture will become a part of our programs each year.

Arthur E. Palmer, activities chairman,

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has done a fine job, and with his committee is hard at work on plans for the annual dinner dance on December 3rd. The first party of the year was the St. Patrick's day dance. Perhaps the most outstanding event was the M.H.A. trail ride and field day on May 16th when more than 200 members participated in the trail ride and barbecue lunch.

Fine Publicity

For the first five months of the year Mrs. Blanche Paul acted as managing editor of the Trail Blazer. During the month of June she took charge of all publicity for the horse show and later compiled a fine scrapbook of the publicity which has been turned over to the secretary. She attended all regional meetings of the C.S.H.A., as a representative of our club, and served as delegate to the state convention. She is now serving as general chairman of the coming dinner dance.

Charles Logue, has been one of the most faithful members of the board in attendance at the monthly meetings and as staff photographer of the Trail Blazer has been responsible for nearly all of the fine photographs appearing in the magazine.

Willis Pray has served as business manager of the Trail Blazer and has turned in a most comprehensive report of the year's business. Irvin Hansen has always been ready to assist wherever possible.

Others deserving special mention for the work that they have done include Mary Gale, secretary of the association, whom you all know for her faithful service in past years.

Mrs. Edna Collins, who assumed the duties of managing editor of the Trail Blazer following the resignation of Mrs. Paul, has done an outstanding job. Members have received the news written in an interesting manner. In fact, we have received compliments from all over the state on our magazine.

Excellent Co-operation

I sincerely feel that the reason why the M.H.A., has made such fine progress this year is due to all of the directors working as a team. Every one has pitched in to help the other one out, so all I can say is that our success is due to the joint efforts of all. It's been a real pleasure to work with all of them.

We have established for the first time a public relations department and as a result have excellent connections with the city fathers and with the city newspapers.

Some of our members have been under the impression that the activities have cost the association money. This is not true inasmuch as there are always several money-raising affairs during the year which cover the expenses of these activities.

Plans For Future

Summing it all up, 1948 has been a very successful year for the M.H.A. In addition

to having the largest membership in the history of the organization, the new arena has become a reality and the park board has assured the finest riding facilities in the country located right here in the Bay area. We have made it possible to ride on Redwood road with safety and through the efforts of the association thousands and thousands of dollars have been spent in improvements, in addition to our contributions.

In conclusion I would like to thank each and everyone of the directors for their co-operation, with a special vote of thanks to Don Marquis, who so kindly allowed us to hold all of our meetings in his office.

It has been a real pleasure to serve you and rest assured I'll continue to do whatever I can to further the interests of the horsemen and the association.

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OUR COVER

We would say that our front page glamour girls have decided to take their Christmas packages and start out to see if there is anything to this Santa Claus story.

The little miss on horseback is Linda Elaine Patten, nine-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patten, of the Piedmont Stables. Linda is quite a traveler and we would say a very good prospect for a 1949 membership as she has been riding around on horseback with her daddy since she was five weeks old. She was given her first pair of red cowboy boots last summer while visiting her maternal grandparents in South Dakota. Her mount is Ritz, from the Piedmont Stables.

Kathy Lou Nielsen, 3, is one of the youngest members of the M.H.A. and is shown driving Betty, one of Johnnie Curry's ponies from the Wildwood Stables. Johnnie has a string of ponies for rent to the younger set and we will wager he has never had a more adorable customer. Kathy Lou is the niece of Dolly Nielsen, one of our senior members and, if she follows in auntie's footsteps, will grow into an accomplished horsewoman.

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JUNIORS

Louise Heinemann
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Kathy Lou Nielsen

ORCHIDS TO CAREY

Assemblyman Edward J. Carey, old-time and present member of the M.H.A., has decided that he has spent long enough time at Sacramento where he devoted his time trying to do a good job in the legislature for the people of Oakland.

Eddie says that he has to get busy and attend to his own business for awhile. His work in the state capital proved him a real friend of the horseman, and those who know claim that his efforts played a big part in getting the State Trails' bill through.

Sorry to hear that you are not going to be there to represent us further, Eddie — and thanks a lot for your help.

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To The Editor:

I have been a member of the MHA for the past six years and am going to take this opportunity of renewing friendships that I value highly.

It is a real pleasure to keep up with the organization, and keep up my interest in horsemanship. I appreciate the soundness of a good organization for the protection of our sport, and for the love of man's best friend, the horse.

I enjoy reading the Trail Blazer each month and have just finished the November issue which was of particular interest to me. I especially enjoyed the articles, "The Gateway to Safer Riding" and the one headed "Can This Abuse Be Overcome?"

It also brought news of my old friend, Ed Butterfield, who I learn is back in the saddle and being seen on the trails on his new three-year-old gelding, Sailor. Nice work, Ed, and hope to be seeing you one of these days.

Also was glad to see the advertisement of my old friend, Salami Joe, and to learn of his recent purchase of the cocktail lounge, The Diamond Horseshoe. A lot of success to you, Joe, and to your partner, Harry Martin. And I can never forget Al Martin, formerly proprietor of the King of Clubs in San Francisco.

Want to send greetings, too, to Bob Collins, of the Collins club, down the peninsula. All of these fellows proved to be real horsemen.

Thank you for printing my letter and I will look forward to the next issue of your fine magazine. The season's greetings to all.

JACK ROSE,
Tourist Club,
Truckee, Calif.

Editor's Note: Thanks, Jack, for the swell letter and we know that all of your friends will be glad to hear from you. Thanks, too, for the ad which we are starting in this issue, and we will take care of the change of address so that you won't miss any more Blazers.

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Red Gates of Rifle Lane

Last month two of the occupants of Red Gates went to the Fresno County fair with the following results: Idiot's Delight won first in handy hunters, fifth in middle and heavyweight hunters, and sixth in the hunter stake; Cover Girl, second in handy hunters, fifth in ladies' hunters, and fifth in hunter stake.

During the latter part of the month the same two horses, along with Toy Storm and Snow Storm of the Logue string, comprised a stable to show at the Blue Ribbon championship show at Santa Rosa. This time Cover Girl was shown by Sandra Logue and emerged reserved champion in the hunter stake, and the children's mounts. She was also second in the thoroughbred mare class, shown by Ruth Logue. Idiot's Delight really outdid himself to finish off the year by winning the championship in the hunter stake and the jumper stake, and then went on to annex the reserve championship in the pleasure class.

Snow Storm captured third in the jumper stake. Watch out for this little mare next year!

At this time the Logue and Burton string is taking a well-earned rest.

At the Wildwood Stables

Mary Ann and Dot Pindo have recently moved their horses, Valentine and Albert, from Mrs. Baxter's stable to the Wildwood. Ray Marsh's horse, Fox, is another new boarder, while others include Champagne, owned by Jerry Hinds and a bay, named Cheyenne, owned by Jerry's mother, Cleo Hinds, which is stabled next to Champagne.

Mrs. Curry has a three-year-old palomino mare, Butterfly, that she enjoys riding on the trails. Johnnie has a nice three-year-old palomino stallion which will be for sale when it completes its training.

Lou Silva has bought a fine bay gelding, answering to the name of Rip, which he reports is a grand trail horse. Bob Walton recently purchased a piebald stallion, Prince, from Johnnie Curry. Johnnie's palomino, Taffy, came off the winner in a match race with Mr. Parker's quarter horse a couple of weeks ago.

Miss Chief, the saddlebred mare, by Odin McDonald, is the prized possession of Kyrina Curley, one of our new junior riders. Dolly Nielsen is in partnership with Kyrina and rides Miss Chief during the week.

With The Boots and Jeans

Fun reigned supreme when 80 members of the Boots and Jeans and their guests gathered for their annual Hallowee'n party October 20 in the Redwood Regional park lodge.

Judges had a difficult time when it came to passing out prizes for the most original costumes, with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jensen, attired as clowns, walking off with the award for the best pair of costumes. Others winning first prizes included Dottie Bowers, who fashioned her costume from her dog's bed, portraying an Indian princess, and Leroy Hampton, as a comic paper character, one of the Snuffy Smith clan.

The Boots and Jeans' square dance team highlighted the All-Western horse show presented by Bob Lorimer at the Oakland Riding Academy. Babe Lampton and Dutch Cummings presented the colors. This was followed by the square dance exhibition. Members of the team are Babe Lampton, Charlie Barnard, Captain Lefty Bowers, Virginia McClellan, Vi Schumacher, Bud Vogel, Dottie Bowers, George Floyd, Dutch Cummings and Leroy Lampton. Bob Lorimer presented the dancers with a beautiful trophy.

Virgie McClellan captured three red ribbons, and George Floyd one. Virgie's stallion, won in the pinto class, and George and Virgie took second riding Patches and Comanche in the matched pairs class. Virgie also won a red in musical chairs riding Flossie Legeal's brown mare, Toy.

Dottie Bowers has just purchased a two-and-a-half year old gelding, Pumpkin. He is part Saddlebred and part Tennessee Walker.

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An enormous dimly lighted room, witches and skeletons adorning the walls, streamers of black and orange, bales of hay and corn stalks—this was the setting for the Leona Riders' costume Hallowe'en party on October 29th. The affair was staged in the rumpus room at the home of Ray Zugschwerdt, in San Leandro, Ray being a partner of Bud Vanier, in the Bud's and Ray's Motor company.

The costumes were all outstanding, with prizes going to Tedda Beyler and Don Phelps, who drew for first prize with Tedda going home with a 10-pound turkey. Don had to content himself with a jug of not-too-hard cider.

Piedmont Stables

Have you seen those fancy silver-mounted bridles the Pfeiffers bought for Spook and Pumpkin? They're really nice looking.

Charlie Gray had his first ride in two years last Sunday. Charlie's back operation has kept him grounded. It was good to see him on a horse again.

The Piedmont had another fine breakfast at the Round-Up Sunday November 14th. Members of the Alameda county sheriff's posse came as Ed Carey's guests, and with the Piedmont boarders and Carey's guests there were 75 present.

The show season is over and again Jimmie Black, Jr., ended it in a most successful fashion, his final feats included being crowned winner of the grand championship in the stock horse class, and grand champion in the horsemanship class. His horse, Ratbit, was crowned champion junior stock horse.

Since Bud Palmquist got the airplane fever his horses have been having quite a rest. Bud now owns an interest in a plane and is learning to fly.

Aahmes Shrine Rangers

The Rangers are recovering from six weeks of hard work, fun and great achievement.

It all started when Captain Fred Bemis suggested the entire unit become fully silver mounted and the men procure new uniforms. There was much hurrying and great confusion in order to be ready for the convention at Santa Rosa. The uniforms and the last saddle were completed on Thursday morning, the opening day of the convention. While at Santa Rosa, the Rangers put on their exhibition drill at two evening performances and also participated in the mammoth parade on Saturday. All agreed their efforts were well repaid when the trophies were awarded and the Rangers received top honors, being judged "Best mounted Men's Group", "Best Silver Mounted Group" and "Best Mounted Drill Team."

Simons' "Mucho Grande" and mare "Princess Snip" received 1st and 2nd respectively in the Pinto Breeding Classes.

Floyd Jacobs won the registration gate prize consisting of a four-day trip to Palm Springs.

The Unit left Santa Rosa Sunday arriving in San Francisco in time for the Portola parade, where they again took top honors, receiving a cash award for the "Best Mounted Men's Group". They also participated in

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Highlights of the entire year was the Rangers' participation in the Grand National at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. Here, for the first time under "black light", they put on their exhibition drill at six performances. Spectators were spellbound at the brilliant flame and lime colored fluorescent uniforms and the painted hoofs of the horses maneuvered through the darkness. The Grand National management was very co-operative in installing black lights especially for this act, and very complimentary in their remarks on the closing night when the Rangers were presented with a beautiful trophy in appreciation.

Saturday, November 6 the unit took part in the Shrine Ceremonial at Fresno, where they paraded in the afternoon and performed their drill at the Fair Grounds in the evening. The Rangers are tired, the horses are tired and especially is Captain Fred Bemis tired and this is the last appearance until January 1st at the East-West Game at Kezar.

The Rangers are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Heber Brown into the organization. Heber is an excellent horseman and has done an outstanding job since becoming a member.

A beautiful new chestnut and white gelding has been added to the group. Jerry Jacobs is the owner.

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At Cressmount

Cressmount riders were victors in the Exchange ride held between Stirrup Club from St. Francis Riding Club and Cressmounters Sunday, Oct. 24 at Cressmount stables. This meet marked the first in a series of Exchange rides to be held between Cressmount Stables and other riding organizations in the area.



Officials were judge, E. T. Voight; announcer, R. C. Van Den Berg; ring clerk, Betty La Boyteaux; ringmaster, Lorraine Harris; paddock clerks, Winifred Johnson and Sylvia King; tickets, Juanita Gray; public address, Willis Nuttall; refreshments, Virginia Abel. Members of the Bidoons acted as hosts.

Prizes were awarded to fourth place and were based on credit points to participating teams. Winners were as follows: Seat and Hands Over Jump, 1. Vandra Rosendahl, on Killarney; 2. Wilda Rosendahl, Duffle Bag; 3. Karen Anderson, Indian; 4. Nancy Aiken, Duffle Bag. Horsemanship (riders being under 13 and under), 1. Kyack, Peggy Day; 2. Indian, Linda Lorimer; 3. Killarney, Jackie Pickler; 4. Rabbi, Janet Scott. Zig-zag relay, won by Cressmount team. Horsemanship, riders 14-17, 1. Co-Ed Amber, Diane Goldman; 2. Killarney, Joyce Williams; 3. Chocolate Soldier, Jean Giobanni; 4. Adobe, Shiela Derieg. Saddle horses, pairs, Cressmount rider, mounted, lead horse ridden by Stirrup club rider—1. Trinity Tim and Elko, ridden by Bob McCarty and Gene Walker; 2. Killarney and Colonel, Virginia Abel and Nancy Aiken. Gentlemen Up, wrestling match bareback—1. Peter Patch, David Leicester; 2. Indian, Jerrard Leicester. Flagola, game of goals between Shongehon and Upson Downs, won by Shongehon team, Pat Brandes, Helen Shafer, Priscilla Meyer and Janet Moore.

There will be an exchange ride on December 4th at 8:00 p.m., with the Stirrup club, at the St. Francis Riding ring.

Subalterns

Members of the Subalterns are displaying new club pins, a gold horse shoe bearing a small horse in the center, while those who have taken three jumping courses are privileged to wear a small "jumping bat" dangling from the pin. The club uniform is a yellow and tan plaid rat-catcher shirt.

Qualifications into the club include tests in horsemanship, a knowledge of the horse, equipment, saddling and bridling and drill terms. Highest score is held by Peggy Day. Members of the group are Karen Anderson, Ann Conwell, Peggy Day, Carol De Vilbiss, Linda Lorimer, Linnell Powers, Jane Scott, Vandra and Wilda Rosendahl, Jo Ann Schetter, Nancy James, and Janet McKenzie.

Karen Anderson won third place in jump-

ing with Indian and Peggy Day, first on Kyack, in the equitation event in the Exchange ride with the Stirrup club November 10th.

Concord-Mt. Diablo Hunter Trials

Cressmounters are proud of the blues brought home by Mary Lou Hutton who rode Ronair II to first place in hunters and working hunters, and second place in ladies' hunters, and Rum Punch for first place in open jumpers at the Concord Hunter Trials on November 11th.

Ronair II is a handsome big gray thoroughbred gelding recently purchased by Mrs. Ellsworth LaBoyteaux from Ethel Totten. Rum Punch, one of the "school" horses, has been in several shows this season and was formerly owned by Cynthia Wright.

Shongehon

Members of the Shongehon gathered at the home of Marion Clements on November 5th. In order to raise funds for the club, tickets are being sold for a drawing to be held Saturday, December 11th with the lucky winner entitled to a \$25.00 merchandise order at Mulford's Men's shop.

The group has been hard at work passing various qualifying tests of horsemanship, drill formations and working in Fours. Newest member of the club is Lois Ann Blemer, of Danville. Lois Ann is the proud owner of that flashy chestnut thoroughbred gelding, Charlan, now residing at the Upper Barn.

Next activity of the club will be the picnic ride, November 26th, followed by participation in the coming Exchange ride, November 28th, at St. Francis' Stirrup club, and a similar ride, December 4th, with the Sacramento Riding club.

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In keeping with the Hallowe'en spirit, the first two events were in costume. The overture was a fours class, each group representing a family, father, mother, son and daughter. Costumes ranged from the Gay Nineties to a handsome skeleton foursome. Still in costume, the riders paired off, matching their horses's color, and rode over a staked-off course holding hands. Riders forced to break their hand clasp first were eliminated.

After a quick change, the Bridoons reentered the ring to execute a drill worked out for them by their instructor and counsellor, Robert Van Den Berg. Although a short one, the drill gave a hint of the intricate patterns the instructor can devise, and some we hope to present in our show this coming spring. The drill was followed by single equitation, and the Bridoons' ballet concluded the gymkana.

A refreshment booth was set up in the umbrella and cider and doughnuts were served.

Deep appreciation goes to Mrs. Blackburn who served as judge of our show. We're grateful to her for coming all of the way from Menlo Park for the occasion. Our special thanks go to Miss Cress whose intermission dressage event on Indian thrilled the audience. Also during the intermission, Miss Cress presented Mr. Van Den Berg with a handsome belt, and she, in turn, was presented with the Bridoons' colors and insignia by the club president, Frieda Renner. Frieda, in her presentation speech, termed Miss Cress the first honorary member of the club.

Upson Downs

Sunday, November 14th, marked the first in a series of get-togethers for the old and new members of Upson Downs. The club dates back to 1938 and many of the original members still show up on club nights, Woody Hansen, instructor, having instigated the idea of having such affairs. Gia Abel, president of the club, planned the entertainment and food which featured a pot of chili beans, a specialty of Lorraine Harris, and salads as only Pat Gowrie and Barbara Bangs can prepare. Woody's portable barbecue stand did the hot dogs to a turn.

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Following supper the crowd had many good laughs as they viewed old snapshots and reminisced. Later a Virginia reel, in the umbrella proved hilarious entertainment, and the evening was climaxed by a polo exhibition by Frank Ray, on Indian, with able assistance by Frank Carvajal. Miss Cress treated the gang to one of her rare dressage exhibitions on Indian. 'Tis said that Indian's eyes gleamed when he and his rider executed difficult maneuvers which brought forth much applause from the audience.

There are now 20 active members of Upson Downs who are on hand regularly each Wednesday evening to ride under the expert guidance of Woody Hansen. Winifred Johnson, as activities chairman, varies the weekly program with drill practice, equitation and games. Later the group adjourns to the clubhouse for coffee and cake.

Pegasus Patrol

In the Exchange ride, Nov. 10th, Linda Lorimer represented the group in the equitation event, placing second, and Wilda Rosendahl won second in jumping, the latter up on Duffle Bag.

New members of the patrol are Lynn Cuttle, Linda Davis, Elizabeth Eubanks, Susan Greenfield, Jeffrey Hardin, Helaine Jones, Dar La Barthe, Deon and Margo Stenzel. Included as old members are Wilda and Vandra Rosendahl, Katie Dewey and Sally Schetter.

Patrollers are busy with drills and equitation and have promised something unusual for the Christmas ride at Cressmount, open to all groups at the stable. 'Tis rumored the members will be sporting snappy pins in the near future.

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First and foremost, why not give some member of your family — large or small — a membership to M.H.A., which means a copy of TRAIL BLAZER every month and a chance to have fun with the gang? An order to UPTOWN MARKET would be appreciated a few days ahead of Christmas and give some discriminating housewife a chance to get fresh vegetables, that turkey and extra items for Christmas dinner. Perhaps a nice gift of some type of home furnishing from STERLING FURNITURE CO. — possibly Dad's pet chair has given up and sagged so a new one would be acceptable. There may be some friend in your list who would like to have his horse in town

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